



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been learning about Black History in our assemblies this week. Black History Month takes place every year in October across the world. These assemblies give children the opportunity to learn more about Black History and to celebrate the contributions Black people have made to society.

Punctuality

- It's a GREAT START to the day ON TIME, putting your child in a positive frame of mind to make the most of the day's learning and activities.
- Punctuality is linked to good attendance, and as we know, good attenders have more opportunities, more support and therefore achieve more!
- It sets your child up for their future – whether it is college, work or university, they could lose their place or lose their job if they think it's ok to be late!

If families arrive after 8.40am they must report to the main office.

Please remember that children will be marked as late after 8.40am each day.

Start and Finish Times

➤ Gates Open at 8.30am
➤ Gates Close at 8.40am
➤ Gates re-open at 3.05pm
➤ End of School Day for Reception & Key Stage 1 (Cherry, Hazel, Juniper & Maple) 3.10pm
➤ End of School Day for Key Stage 2 (Poplar, Willow, Birch, Elm, Pine, Beech & Oak) 3.15pm

Thank you to everyone for your support with our school start and finish times.

Visit from Create Music

On Wednesday, Create Music Teacher 'Tom' came in to give children a taster guitar lesson.

Create Music will directly contact Parents/Carers shortly to enquire if you want your child to continue to have the guitar lessons. The benefits of learning an instrument is it helps increase cognitive ability, memory retention, creativity and a well-known fact is that music relieves stress.

Thank you for those who have taken part in the guitar taster session and we hope many of you will continue to learn to play the guitar. Because of your support, the school has been able to get some free Ukulele lessons. These Ukulele lesson have gone to Poplar class. In the first lesson, they have enjoyed learning about the parts of the instrument, the names of the string and looking at how this corresponds to music (TAB) notation paper. We even began to look at how to play our first chord.





Children who are due to start Reception in September 2024

Thank you to parents and carers who attended our Open Evening last night. If you were not able to come along, but would like to visit, please get in touch with our school office. Parents and carers can apply for a place via the following link on Durham County Council's website:

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/primaryschoolplaces>

All children who are currently in Nursery and who are due to move to Reception in September 2024 will need to apply for a place. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2024.

Year 6 Parents (Oak and Beech Classes)

Thank you for attending our Year 6 SATS meeting this week. We would like to remind parents that the deadline to apply for a secondary school place is **Tuesday 31st October 2023**. Parents and Carers are reminded that they must apply for this place, there is no automatic transfer from primary school to secondary school. More details can be found here: <https://www.durham.gov.uk/secondaryschoolplaces>

Halloween Disco – Thursday 26th October

All children from Nursery to Year 6 will be able to attend the school Halloween disco during the school day and receive a snack and a drink. DJ Glen will be in attendance and party games will take place. We are asking for a £2 donation towards this event which can be paid for through the Arbor Parent Portal under School Shop. All children are welcome to come in Halloween fancy dress or non-school uniform.

If your child would not like to attend, we will make sure they can access alternative activities in school. Thank you.

Reminder Parents Evening – Wednesday 18th October

Thank you to all the parents who have booked an appointment on our Arbor system. There are still some slots available if you wish to attend. This will take place on Wednesday 18th October. Parents are able to book appointments via our Arbor Parent Portal, in order to book your Parents Evening slot please follow the below instructions:

- Main Dashboard – Select Parents Evening under Guardian Consultations
- Select Meetings – very bottom of page
- Select Timeslot
- Choose your time
- Select Yes

Once you have selected your slot you can check your booking by following the below:

- Main Dashboard – Select Parents Evening under Guardian Consultations
- Select Meetings – very bottom of page
- Time Slot – this will show the date and time you have selected

Please ensure that you check this section as this is your confirmation of booking **if you are still able to book a slot then your slot has not been booked.** If you do experience any issues booking a time slot please try logging out of the Parent Portal and logging back in. If there are any queries, please contact our school office.

Class Attendance Awards

Well done to **Hazel, Elm, Beech & Oak** Classes! We hope you enjoyed the lovely cakes!

Class	Year Group	Attendance
Saplings	Nursery	88.3%
Seedlings	Nursery	72.9%
Roots	Nursery	91.7%
Cherry	Reception	91.8%
Hazel	Year 1	97.0%
Maple	Year 2	93.5%
Juniper	Year 2	90.6%
Willow	Year 3	93.8%
Poplar	Year 3	86.3%
Birch	Year 4	95.3%
Elm	Year 4	96.5%
Pine	Year 5	88.6%
Beech	Year 6	94.4%
Oak	Year 6	94.4%



OPAL News

OPAL PLEA – If you have any waterproof trousers or spare wellies for our OPAL provision, we would appreciate any donations. Thank you 😊

Golden Welly		
Name	Class	Reason for Nomination
Rome, Robyn and Chloe	Juniper	Fantastic imaginative play in the boat. The children had amazing adventures sailing around the world!
All Pupils	Birch	For being the first class to line up and be ready for Miss Jones! Very sensible and smart - well done Birch Class!

House Points

Please see our house points for this week.

Date:	Griffin	Unicorn	Minotaur	Phoenix
				

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Well done, Unicorn, fantastic news!

Celebration Assembly Weekly Awards

Please see our super Stars and Readers this week. We are very proud of all our children, well done!

Class	SOTW	ROTW
Saplings	Teddy	
Seedlings	Nolan	
Roots	Esmae	
Cherry	Bonnie	Boran
Hazel	Andrew-Jorge	Betty
Maple	Zuzia	Luna
Juniper	Odhran	Lochlaan
Willow	Oliver	Maggie
Poplar	Sam	George
Birch	Alistair	Harrison
Elm	Zac	Faith
Pine	Cory	Kelvin
Beech	Rayana	Skye
Oak	Charlotte	Martyna

Lost Property

We currently have a number of items at our school office which belong to children, but have not been claimed as yet. If your child has lost their coat, jacket, jumper or cardigan please pop to the school office to see if it has been added to our lost property basket.

Online Safety

This week the National Online Safety guide is about 'Among Us'. Among Us has become one of the gaming world's biggest breakout hits of recent years. In 2020, for example, it was the world's most-downloaded mobile game. Its simplicity helped Among Us to resonate with younger players in particular: the game's second largest audience slice is the 13–18 age bracket.

While the 7+ age rating, emphasis on teamwork and cartoonish, colourful graphics all suit a young fan-base, however, the game does carry more serious risks than betrayal by a team-mate or an untimely on-screen demise – with in-game purchases and possible contact from strangers on this week's guide list of hazards that trusted adults should bear in mind. Please find more information here: <https://shorturl.at/eEGZ3>

Calendar of Events – Important dates coming up!

Please click on the link here to find out what events are happening this year <https://shorturl.at/aivwN>

Some important dates coming up very soon:

- Monday 9th October - Year 1 Phonics screening information meeting for parents of Year 1 children in Hazel and Juniper Classes. This will take place in the Infant Hall at 3.15pm.
- Wednesday 18th October – Parents Evening. Parents will be able to book via Arbor. More information is included above.
- Thursday 19th October - Key Stage 1 Harvest Festival In school event for Classes Hazel, Maple & Juniper. Our school would welcome donations of dried food collections for Consett Foodbank.

Consett Family Hub

Family Hubs bring people together from the council, NHS, community organisations and more to support families all in one place.

What's available?

You can get support from pregnancy right up until your child turns 19, or 25 if they have special educational needs and disabilities.

Family Hubs will support you with social care, education, mental health, and physical health needs and we won't judge you - we're here to make a positive difference for all families.

Please see Family Hub Activity and Programme Guide, Family Hub locations flyer and Start for Life offer. More details are available by clicking on the links below:

[Family Hub Activities](#)

[Family Hub Locations](#)

[Family Hub Start for Life](#)

Register with Family Hubs to take part in groups and activities below:

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/FamilyHubsRegistration>

A big thank you!

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Stuart McCardle and Mr Wayne White at Elddis Transport for their kind donations of pallets to our school. We are very grateful! THANK YOU 😊

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

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Mrs B Woods

Head Teacher